

## BIG GROWTH SEEN FOR 1928

### Plans Perfected For Torrance Annual Christmas Tree

#### GIFTS FOR ALL TOTS READY

Santa Claus Will Direct Presentations at Civic Yule Program  
DATE SET FOR DEC. 22  
Firemen, Churches and Scouts Promise to Make Event Memorable

#### Two Former Torrance Residents Killed in Automobile Accidents

Two persons, former residents of Torrance were killed in weekend traffic accidents. One was Mrs. E. L. Weatherwax of Long Beach, wife of Rev. E. L. Weatherwax, who formerly was pastor of the Central Evangelical Church of Torrance. The other was Rev. Robert Renison who conducted the first Episcopal church services in Torrance in 1919.

#### Old Santa Will Be in Torrance for Three Days

Jolly Old Fellow Agrees to Entertain Children  
Dec. 22, 23, 24

#### Stock Judging Students Here Honor Winners

High School Team Does Well in Several Contests

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"Off" Days for Students Mean Busy Days for Instructors

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Bridge and B. V. D.'s—Texas Beams on Hoover—Poor Kidwell and Rich Tempters—Three Revolutions in the United States  
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SHARING every man's instinct to be liked by his fellowmen (and women) yet constantly worried about halitosis as the shortest cut to unpopularity, we have, like so many other millions of Americans, invested repeatedly in copious quantities of Mr. Lambert's favorite fluid. In fact if there were any market for empty Listerine bottles, we believe we might dispose of ours at a price which would enable us to be popular for life, halitosis or no halitosis.

#### FACTORIES TO BOOM AREA

Doheny-Stone, Columbia and Santa Fe Plans Mean Big Progress  
GET READY FOR GROWTH  
C. of C. Plans Campaign to Center So. California Interest Here

Mexicans by the thousands were present at the Sacred Shrine of Guadalupe, where they had made their annual pilgrimage. Candles burned before the Shrine. Suddenly there was a commotion. Many Mexicans brought more candles. Among them was an unidentified man who approached the altar carrying a large unlighted candle which he handed to a worshipper, saying: "Burn this for the Virgin." The weight of the candle aroused the suspicion of the worshipper who called the police. The supposed candle was a bomb. Had it exploded it would have injured thousands.

Lieutenant Paul L. Linchard is a glutton for horse back riding. Mounted on a Morgan thoroughbred, he is on his way across the continent from New York to Los Angeles. Averaging 44 miles a day he expects to make the trip in 84 riding days, using the one horse from coast to coast.

Indications are that the U. S. Senate will deny seats to Senators-elect Vane of Pennsylvania and Smith of Illinois. By large majorities the Senate has withheld admittance to the two members and referred their cases to the Special Campaign Fund Committee for investigation and report on the charges of fraud in connection with their election.

A husband whose wife earns money must pay an income tax on the average of his own and her salary. This is the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeal handed down Monday at San Francisco. The decision had a distinct bearing on the legal tangle arising out of the intricate community property law of California.

One hundred executives of sugar companies led by Earl D. Abbott organized Monday in New York, a group known as the American Sugar Institute. The purpose of the organization was said to be stabilization of the industry. Uncle Sam's sleuths are said to be watching the activities of the organization closely for indications of price fixing in contravention of the anti-trust laws.

London, where a big British Navy is regarded as essential to the existence of the Empire, Tuesday to read with something akin to misgivings, navy news from Washington. This news does in effect that President Coolidge has approved a 3-year naval building program which calls for an ultimate expenditure of more than one billion dollars. It calls for 26 cruisers of the ten thousand ton type, three airplane carriers, five fleet submarines, 18 destroyers, 10 leaders and four new battleships to provide for replacements by the Washington treaty in 1932. President Coolidge has repeatedly said that the United States will enter into no naval building race against Great Britain. According to those who have recently conferred with him, he declares that the program as outlined above is essential to America's own needs. Secretary Wilbur has told congressional leaders that the administration desires congress to expend two hundred million dollars during the next fiscal year but to authorize the entire program, so that the United States will have a well defined naval policy. The program was recommended by the general board of the navy and has been before the president for two weeks. Observers on both sides of the Atlantic are agreed that no such extensive program would have been outlined had the United States and Great Britain been able to agree on limitations at the recent Geneva conference.

Benito Mussolini is dreaming of a vast Empire. An interview published in "Times" Despatch quotes II Duce as proposing a Latin coalition to include Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and the republics of Central and South America. Since the days of Napoleon no such stupendous aspirations have ever been publicly announced by any statesman. European newspapers have characterized the interview as "portentous." In the United States diplomats realized immediately the trouble-making possibilities in such a stupendous ambition on the part of the Italian. Such aspirations flout the Monroe Doctrine and challenge the supremacy of the United States in the Western Hemisphere. While no official cognizance has been taken of the Fascist leader's dreams, foreign offices recall that Great Britain has been considerably worried over the increasing (Continued on Last Page)

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

Ray W. Leslie, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, has assumed the duties of his office with a vigor which speaks well for the activity of the Post during the ensuing year. Mr. Leslie has made public his committee appointments. They are as follows, with the name of the chairman leading the list of each committee:

New posts: Wm. Stanger, Wm. Totten, T. Turner; Finance, J. W. Post; Check, Curtis; Donald Findley; hospital, E. Evans; H. Worcester, H. S. Smith; child welfare, A. W. Greiner; War Kabin; membership, F. Worthan; Arthur Burmaster; Frank Schumacher; Boy Scouts, Frank Schumacher, Myers Mize; resolutions, N. F. Jamieson. W. Harold Kingsley; Catalina pilgrimage, Elie Hader, Spud Murphy; Gene DeBraz; conservation, Bob Reeve; national defense, Fred Tiffany; housing, H.O. Rasmussen; Dr. C. F. Ingold, Baker Smith; publicity, A. W. Greiner; inter-post relations, James Scott, Alex MacPhail, A. W. Greiner; county counsel, J. B. Johnston, LeGrande Barkhill.

#### Leslie Selects Committees for Post of Legion

#### Big Year Ahead of Veterans Organization in Torrance

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Visitors in San Pedro Friday were Mrs. C. VanDerbeek, Mrs. Argo and Mrs. M. Yelovich.

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#### WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE?

- Tonight—Installation, O. E. S., Masonic Temple.
- Friday, Dec. 16—Royal Neighbor Christmas party.
- Saturday, Dec. 17—C. S. Lecture, Women's Clubhouse.
- Sunday, Dec. 18—Services in all churches.
- Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p. m., Directors' meet, C. of C. Public invited.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20—Regular meeting Triple City Lodge, I. O. O. F., Lomita. Regular meeting American Legion Auxiliary, Legion Clubhouse. Lutheran Ladies' Aid Bazaar.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21—Regular meeting Torrance Masonic Lodge, Regular meeting Torrance Women's Club.
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The Sunshine Embroidery Club was entertained last Thursday by Mrs. M. P. Borgo at 136 East 118th Place, Los Angeles. A handkerchief shower was given to Mrs. Wm. Tolson in honor of her birthday. Mrs. J. Blue baked a delicious cake for the occasion.

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